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Deputy Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates

Request for Approval of Russian Language Instruction for ORE

Requests from Map Division, EE/USSR Division, and General Division indicate that Russian language training for personnel now on duty is essential to complete fulfillment of the ORE mission as it relates to National Intelligence on the Soviet Union. Review by this Office of the divisional requests for instruction deemed necessary in the judgement of the division chiefs has limited the professional applicants to a minimum. But as the requested instruction covers courses in basic, intermediate, and advanced Russian, the total personnel and money involved is such as to raise a question as to the advisability of the Agency's entering into a contract with an individual or institution for the purpose of conducting these courses during the scheduled work-week in "M" building.

Divisional recommendations for personnel who require Russian in addition to their existing professional qualifications totals seventy-six persons apportioned as follows: basic, thirty-nine; intermediate, twenty-three; advanced, fourteen. Based on the least expensive course available which is offered by the Department of Agriculture at \$24.00 per three-hour semester, the cost for instructing these persons is estimated at \$3648.00 per school year.

In the opinion of this Office, greater efficiency and economy can be obtained by conducting three one-hour classes during the work-week within "M" building under the direction of a professional instructor. These classes should be small enough to permit the instructor to give individual attention to the students. A tentative proposal is for nine three-hour courses divided as follows: four basic courses of ten students each; three intermediate courses of eight students; and two advanced courses of seven students.

If the basic proposition for CIA to provide instruction during the work-week and within "M" building is approved, ORE recommends that, if the contract is made with an individual, [redacted] and [redacted] be considered as candidates. [redacted]

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[redacted] is presently an instructor at the [redacted] in Washington. ORE personnel now receiving instruction from her are impressed with her competence as an instructor and her familiarity with technical, industrial, and chemical jargon. The latter factor is of extreme value to the advanced students and one that is frequently lacking in the usual instructor. [redacted] has been recommended to ORE by [redacted]. He has taught Russian at Georgetown and was employed by ASA, Washington, during World War II. If the contract

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is to be made with an institution, ORE recommends that the [redacted]  
[redacted] be considered particularly in view of that fact that [redacted]  
[redacted] is an instructor.

Pending completion of the final arrangements necessary to the program and contract, it is requested that ORE be notified whether the basic proposition is approved. For, with the approach of the second academic semester, plans are necessary to insure language training for the personnel concerned.

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